

REMARKS

In view of the amendments and remarks herein, withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of this application are respectfully requested. Claims 4-6 are pending.

Claims 4-6 have been objected to based on the informalities identified on page 2 of the Office Action. In response, Applicant has amended the claims herein in a manner that is believed to obviate these objections. Thus, withdrawal of the objections and respectfully requested.

Claims 4-6 have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting in view of U.S. Patent Nos. 6,497,618. In order to overcome the outstanding rejection, Applicant has submitted herewith a proper Terminal Disclaimer. Thus, withdrawal of this rejection and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

In view of the fact that no further rejections exist for any of the pending claims, all of the claims are now believed to be in condition for allowance. Thus, formal allowance is earnestly solicited.

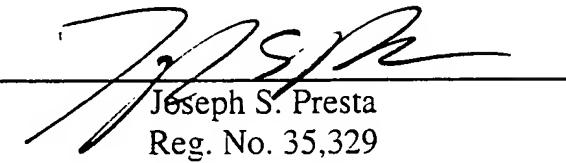
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Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this application, or deem that any further issues need to be addressed prior to allowance, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the phone number below.

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